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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY LAUNCHES “LITERATURE TALK” SERIES WITH DISCUSSION OF *THE LORD OF THE RINGS*

Discuss your Favorite Books with an Expert

San Diego, CA. The San Diego Public Library launches LITERATURE TALK, an occasional community discussion series of favorite books and exciting literary topics on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library located at 820 E Street. The series is designed as an exciting opportunity for serious book lovers to exchange views with fellow readers and area college professors who teach the books in their classes. The first “talk” will be on the timeless classic *The Lord of the Rings*. This free event is open to the public.

When *Lord of the Rings* was published in three volumes in the mid-fifties as a sequel to the 1937 children's book *The Hobbit*, it became a favorite of a relatively small group of fans. Not until the countercultural revolution of the late sixties, did it find a wide, enthusiastic readership. It moved millions with its vision of an ancient world called Middle-Earth, filled with magic, elves, dwarves, heroes, villains, great beauty, horrific evil - and, of course, hobbits. It has inspired award-winning adaptations in multiple art forms, including the 2001 - 2003 films by Peter Jackson, currently the highest grossing motion picture trilogy of all time at \$3 billion.

Come and hear why *Lord of the Rings* is far more than just escapist fantasy and join Dr. Stephen Potts of UCSD's Literature Department in a discussion of one of the best-known and best-loved stories of the previous hundred years and its enduring themes of power and temptation, death and immortality, fate and free will, loss and farewell. Library cardholders who would like to read the work prior to the talk may check it out from the San Diego Public Library.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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